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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006, Applicants elect group I claims 1-6, 10-16 and 20 with traversal of the requirement of restriction.

Applicants believe that the inventions I and II are related and their classification into the same class 702, subclass 19 support applicants' belief. As a result, there should not be

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